



# Indiana

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of IN	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <b>NOT</b> Permitted by Dental Assistants in IN
<p>To qualify to <b>apply medicaments for the control or prevention of dental caries</b> (i.e., <b>apply topical fluoride</b>), a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be employed in a dental practice for a minimum of one year <b>and</b> complete an educational program approved by the Indiana State Board of Dentistry that includes the following instruction in prevention of dental caries:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 hours of didactic instruction meeting Board curriculum requirement</li> <li>2 hours of laboratory work</li> <li>Performance of the task on five patients under the observation of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist</li> <li>An affidavit certifying competency signed by the supervising dentist</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b> Graduate from an educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) that included instruction meeting the above requirements</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display certificate of completion of education program publicly in the dental office</li> </ul> <p>To qualify to <b>polish the coronal surfaces of the teeth</b>, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be employed in a dental practice for a minimum of one year <b>and</b> complete an educational program approved by the Indiana State Board of Dentistry that includes the following instruction in coronal polishing:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 hours of didactic instruction meeting Board curriculum requirement</li> <li>2 hours of laboratory work</li> <li>Performance of the task on five patients under the observation of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist</li> <li>An affidavit certifying competency signed by the supervising dentist</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b> Graduate from an educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) that included instruction meeting the above requirements</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display certificate of completion of education program publicly in the dental office</li> </ul> <p>A dental assistant who has completed an out-of-state dental assisting program in applying medicaments for the control and prevention of dental caries must provide a syllabus of coursework successfully completed; coursework must be equal to or greater than that required by Indiana rules, or the dental assistant must complete laboratory and clinical requirements in Indiana and obtain a certificate of completion from an Indiana CODA-accredited or Board-approved program; the dental assistant must display CODA-accredited program diploma or certificate of completion from Board-approved course publicly in the dental office.</p> <p>A dental assistant in Indiana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting, except for radiography requirements.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant <i>qualified in coronal polishing/ Dental Assistant qualified in applying medicaments for the control and prevention of dental caries</i></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Indiana, a dental assistant <b>must</b> obtain a limited dental radiographic license from the Indiana State Department of Health/Division of Medical Radiology Services.</p> <p>To obtain this license, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully complete a CODA-accredited program in radiography <b>OR</b> Successfully complete an Indiana State Department of Health-approved program in radiography <b>AND THEN</b></li> <li>Be certified by a licensed practitioner or licensed dental hygienist in an approved educational program as proficient in performing the procedures included in the limited dental curriculum <b>AND THEN</b></li> <li>Pass one or more of the following examinations:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam</li> <li>The national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam</li> <li>An exam approved by the Indiana State Department of Health/ Division of Medical Radiology Services <b>AND THEN</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>Apply to the IN State Department of Health/Division of Medical Radiology Services for a limited dental radiographic license</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The Indiana State Department of Health also issues student dental radiography permits and provisional radiography permits.</p> <p>The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles (left) based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005.</p> <p>The same study utilized a list of 70 job functions which were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are numbered to the right, using language directly from this state's dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p> <p>These state templates reflect the work done by the ADAA/DANB Alliance to support a uniform national model for one set of dental assisting tasks, levels and requirements, which will serve as a viable career ladder for dental assistants.</p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>46. Any intraoral impression which would lead to the fabrication of a final prosthetic appliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnosis and treatment planning</li> <li>Cutting of hard or soft tissues</li> <li>Removing calcific deposits or accretions from the surfaces of human teeth or cleaning or polishing such teeth (except coronal polishing, as permitted by meeting the requirements)</li> <li>Applying and using within the patient's mouth such antiseptic sprays, washes or medicaments for the control or prevention of dental caries (except for applying medicaments, as permitted by meeting the requirements)</li> <li>Treating gum disease</li> <li>Using impressions and x-ray photographs for treatment purposes</li> <li>Administering local dental anesthetics</li> </ul>

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Job Title  
According to  
State of IN

Allowable Functions  
(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations;  
functions with bullets are in this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research)

Dental Assistant  
*qualified in coronal polishing/*  
Dental Assistant  
*qualified in*  
Dental Assistant  
*qualified in applying medica-  
ments for the control and prevention of dental caries*

**Under Direct Supervision\***

- 9. Polish the coronal surface of teeth
- 18. Apply medicaments for the control or prevention of dental caries

**DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions**

In the state of Indiana, all dental assistants may:

- Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures
- Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act

At this time, DANB cannot list all allowable dental assisting functions for each state because some states' dental practice acts outline very specific allowable functions, while others outline only prohibited functions and some contain minimal or no regulation of dental assisting duties.

Dental Assistant

\*Direct Supervision: A licensed dentist is physically present in the facility when patient care is provided by the dental assistant